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The following information indicates that among Argentine university students there is considerable opposition to both the Peron Government and the United States.

1. The anti-Peron, anti-Communist student group known as the Grupo Reformista, which claims to represent eighty percent of all the university students in Argentina, reportedly has voted against any collaboration with the United Nations forces in the Korean war.
2. The third week in August the Communist-directed student organization known as the Federacion Universitaria Argentina (PUA) convened in the city of La Plata, capital of the Province of Buenos Aires, and drew up the following resolutions:
 - a. To reemphasize the fight against imperialism.
 - b. To express opposition to the Stalinist dictatorship, as well as to all other forms of dictatorship.
 - c. To emphasize that there will be no lasting peace until there is just social structure.
 - d. To promote an alliance of all Latin American groups as the first step toward the mutual understanding of all the people in the world who oppose Yankee imperialism and the Stalinist dictatorship, in order to conclusively fight for the real social revolution for which the people are anxiously waiting.
3. In May 1950 it was reported that the Argentine government believed that 75% of the total enrollment in Argentine universities was anti-Peron. Twenty percent of the anti-Peron faction was reported to consist of members of Communist student organizations, which are by far the most outspoken critics of the government. The Argentine Federal Police are reported to have from eight to fifteen trusted informants in each Argentine university reporting on anti-government activities. According to the Federal Police, Communist activity among the students was to follow the following general line:
 - a. Sniping at government domestic policies.
 - b. Spreading anti-United States propaganda.
 - c. Systematically attacking closer Argentine-U.S. relations.
 - d. Attempting to infiltrate student organizations which were not following the Communist line.

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e. Membership drives in all universities.

4. The president of the Federacion Universitaria Argentina (FUA) is one Pedro Ferete, a student leader of Rosario who was one of the most enthusiastic and active supporters of the Communist "pro-peace" movement at the Rosario campus and who protested loudly the arrest of Argentine Communist leader Victor Codovilla. The secretary of the FUA is Carlos Machado, brother of Domingo Machado, also of Rosario, who is a well-known Communist propagandist. Communist student meetings at the University of La Plata are still held at the home of Jorge Fernandez, a Peruvian resident in Argentina and a student at the School of Agronomy*.

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